

Herculaneum

EPA has been monitoring for soil recontamination in Herculaneum since 1992 and is concerned about current upward trends. Although it is currently safe to live in most of the homes in the buyout zone, EPA is concerned that yards could be recontaminated with lead at levels that would pose a significant health risk. EPA will see that monitoring for lead recontamination continues for the foreseeable future.

EPA, MDNR and Doe Run have amended an existing Order whereby Doe Run has agreed not to reoccupy 40 homes nearest the smelter facility. Doe Run has recently indicated they will begin taking these homes down.

The buyout agreement is between MDNR, MDOH, the city, and Doe Run. Therefore, EPA has no authority to compel re-occupation of residences or raising of dwellings in the buyout zone. However, the buyout zone is the area of most concern due to the recontamination data results we are seeing

EPA will be taking the steps necessary to ensure that the community is part of the decision making process for moving forward.

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